

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

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STRIKE 3 HOLDINGS, LLC, : 24cv644 (DLC)
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Plaintiff, : ORDER
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-v- :
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JOHN DOE subscriber assigned IP :
address 100.37.171.92, :
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Defendant. :
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DENISE COTE, District Judge:

Plaintiff Strike 3 Holdings, LLC ("Strike 3") seeks to serve a subpoena on Verizon Fios, an internet service provider ("ISP"), in order to ascertain the identity of the John Doe defendant in this case. Plaintiff has made out a prima facie claim of copyright infringement and is entitled to serve a subpoena on Verizon Fios in order to ascertain the identity of the defendant. The Court also concludes that there is good cause to issue a protective order in connection with this subpoena in light of the risk for false positive identifications that could result in "annoyance, embarrassment, oppression, or undue burden or expense." Fed. R. Civ. P. 26(c). Accordingly, it is hereby

ORDERED that Strike 3 may serve a Rule 45 subpoena on Verizon Fios, the ISP identified in its motion, to obtain

information to identify John Doe, specifically her or his true name and current and permanent address. Plaintiff shall not subpoena the ISP for John Doe's email addresses or telephone numbers. The subpoena shall have a copy of this Order attached, along with the attached "Notice to Defendant."

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Verizon Fios will have 60 days from the date of service of the Rule 45 subpoena upon them to serve John Doe with a copy of the subpoena, a copy of this Order, and a copy of the "Notice to Defendant." The Order should be attached to the "Notice to Defendant" such that the "Notice to Defendant" is the first page of the materials enclosed with the subpoena. Verizon Fios may serve John Doe using any reasonable means, including written notice sent to her or his last known address, transmitted either by first-class mail or via overnight service.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that John Doe shall have 30 days from the date of service of the Rule 45 subpoena and this Order upon her or him to file any motions with this Court contesting the subpoena (including a motion to quash or modify the subpoena), as well as any request to litigate the subpoena anonymously. Verizon Fios may not turn over John Doe's identifying information to Strike 3 before the expiration of this 30-day period. Additionally, if John Doe or Verizon Fios files a motion to quash the subpoena, Verizon Fios may not turn over any

information to Strike 3 until the issues have been addressed and the Court issues an Order instructing Verizon Fios to resume in turning over the requested discovery. John Doe, should he or she move to quash the subpoena or to proceed anonymously, shall at the same time as her or his filing also notify Verizon Fios so that it is on notice not to release any of John Doe's contact information to plaintiff until the Court rules on any such motions.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if that 30-day period lapses without John Doe or Verizon Fios contesting the subpoena, Verizon Fios shall have 10 days to produce to the plaintiff the information responsive to the subpoena.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Verizon Fios shall preserve any subpoenaed information pending the resolution of any timely-filed motion to quash.

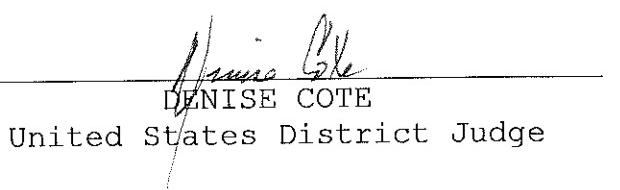
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Verizon Fios shall confer with Strike 3 and shall not assess any charge in advance of providing the information requested in the subpoena. Should Verizon Fios elect to charge for the costs of production, it shall provide a billing summary and cost report to the plaintiff.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Strike 3 shall serve a copy of this Order along with any subpoenas issued pursuant to this Order to Verizon Fios.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any information ultimately

disclosed to Strike 3 in response to a Rule 45 subpoena may be used by Strike 3 solely for the purpose of protecting Strike 3's rights as set forth in its complaint.

Dated: New York, New York
February 5, 2024


DENISE COTE

United States District Judge